

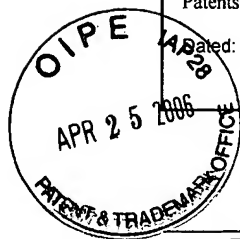
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 21, 2005 (Paper No. 20051116) for which a response was due on February 21, 2006. A three month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from February 21, 2006 to May 21, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.